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GEORGE F. HENSHALL .....MANAGER  
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## DISCREDITING REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

What is the Republican organization going to do about the fake nominations in the sixth precinct of the Fourth district, where, as The Star pointed out on Saturday, there was absolutely no meeting at all at the announced time and place, but where a list of those "nominated" and who are now supposed to be elected as a slate, was duly given out? What is the use of urging citizens to attend primaries of this sort? No matter who the men on this ticket are, who cares to vote for them after they have been nominated in this way? Judge Kingsbury, who has a very good habit of attending primaries, takes the right method of demanding reform when he declares that he doesn't propose to be driven out of the Republican party because deprived of his primary election rights, but intends rather to fight within the party and get his rights. Of course it is true that there was no contest in the sixth of the Fourth and no reasonable excuse for irregularities of any sort. If a regular meeting had been held as advertised the result would have been exactly the same. But such incidents add to the difficulties of getting citizens who are not actively in politics to take part in primaries.

## END OF LAUKEA'S ADMINISTRATION.

Sheriff Laukea is ending very unfortunately an administration which, three months or so ago, commanded so much respect as to make him the choice of many good citizens for another term. Criticisms there were, and well founded ones, of some of his policies, but they were not of vital importance, and it was recognized that the town had been kept clean and that, in reference to the gambling evil especially, a generally creditable record had been made. But the apparent weaknesses of the past three months have cost him most of his support. And now the extraordinary revelation that during the height of the recent so-called "reform" movement he borrowed \$100 from a leading Japanese pimp of Iwilei brings forth an indiscretion of almost incredible folly. Whether true or not, the report that this caused the resignation of Chief Taylor—if he knew of it—is very plausible, as is also the report that Taylor didn't care to share any longer in the public resentment caused by some of Laukea's policies.

Honolulu illuminated is going to present a brilliant appearance for the fleet.

A campaign between George R. Carter and L. L. McCandless for delegate to Congress would surely be lively enough.

Charles Hustace, Jr., would make a good mayor and a strong candidate at the polls, which is the sort of combination the Republicans need.

The Merry Widow hat has been created, and therefore must piously be assumed to have its own place in the Scheme of Things. But it "doesn't belong" at a baseball game, and there should be a rule requiring its removal.

The crowds at the ball games yesterday and Saturday are proof enough that Honolulu is still a great baseball town. As has been suggested before, the regular big league games need the introduction of some new competition, to add to the interest in the contests. Honolulu will turn out as many people in proportion to her population, to witness a good baseball contest, as any city on earth.

It is hard to see how Bryan will benefit much from his announcement that if elected he will be only a one-term president. If he should be elected and should make a good record it would be not only his right, but his duty, to serve again. It is for the benefit of the country to have a good man, trained in the office, kept there eight years rather than make a change every four years. Moreover in no other way could Bryan's record be passed upon directly by the people at the end of his four years than through his candidacy for another term. However, his chance of election is not strong enough yet to make the question a very important one.

We long ago urged that some steps be taken to have as many as possible of the fleet visitors visit the volcano. It is by no means unlikely that the proper representations might have secured a fleet visit to Hilo and the island of Hawaii, with a chance to visit the volcano offered to a large proportion of the members of the fleet. The round-the-world cruise is to some extent a sight-seeing tour. Evans' phrase "fight or frolic" expressed the fact that, warlike rumors aside, the element of pleasure for the men entered into the plans of those who ordered the cruise. The fleet is in no hurry, and might just as well have added a couple of days to its Hawaiian stay to provide for a call at the biggest island.

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## TRANSPORT DUE.

U. S. A. transport Thomas is now due from San Francisco. She brings members of the families of officers of the Atlantic fleet, among whom are: Mrs. George Burnett, wife of Colonel Burnett, Marine Corps, with three children, nurse and governess; Mrs. A. W. Hinds, wife of Lieutenant Commander A. W. Hinds of the Virginia; Mrs. E. L. Bennett, wife of Lieutenant Bennett of the Virginia; Mrs. J. W. Robinson, wife of Lieutenant Robinson of the Kentucky; Mrs. P. Andrews, wife of a lieutenant of the Kanawha; Mrs. J. K. Parker, wife of Lieutenant Parker; Mrs. George L. Smith, wife of Lieutenant Smith of the Connecticut; Mrs. F. Brooks Upham, wife of a New Jersey lieutenant; Mrs. A. E. Sterling and Mrs. D. M. Addison, wife of the paymaster of the Virginia.

## FREE CARS QUESTION.

The question of free transportation for the men of the fleet is causing no end of talk on all sides, and the general opinion seems to be that they should be allowed to go free. The Japanese who have raised by public subscription nearly \$2300 are anxious that all but \$600 of it be turned over to the Transportation Committee for its fund, which will give every man in uniform free rides. The matter will be decided this afternoon by the executive committee, but it is very doubtful if it will agree to the proposal, as its appropriations at present are ahead of the cash on hand.

## VOLCANO EXCURSION.

The S. S. Mauna Kea goes out on another of those delightful Hilo and Volcano excursions on Friday evening, for the benefit of folks of the fleet, returning Monday morning. If the men of the Navy enjoy the trip as much as the previous excursion was enjoyed



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